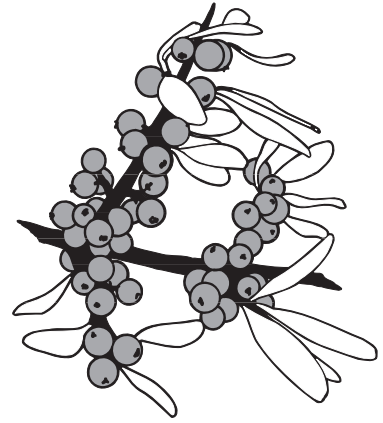


Buffaloberry Patch



2001 Fall Game and Fish Advisory Board Meetings

District 1 – Divide, McKenzie and Williams counties.

Date: December 3

Location:

Host: *Not set as of press time.*

Contact:

Advisory board member: Vacant

District 2 – Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Ward

Date: December 4 - 7 pm

Location: Scenic 23 Club Steakhouse, New Town

Host: Scenic 23 Club Steakhouse

Contact: Clayton Folden, 627-3949 or 627-3624

Advisory board member: Gary Melby, Bowbells, 377-2803

District 3 – Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner

Date: November 27 - 7 pm

Location: Ramsey Co. Courthouse Basement Meeting Room, Devils Lake

Host: Lake Region Sportsmen Club

Contact: Mike Liane, 662-7027

Advisory board member: Barbara Ash, Devils Lake; home 662-3989; work 662-1800.

District 4 – Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina and Walsh

Date: November 28 - 7 pm

Location: Alexandria House, Park River

Host: Park River Sportsman's Club

Contact: Russ Midgarden, 284-7726

Advisory board member: Richard Price, Tolna; 262-4782

District 5 – Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill

Date: November 29 - 6:30 pm

Location: Wahpeton Law Enforcement Center, Community Room

Host: Red River Area Sportsmen's Club

Contact: Vince Herding, 642-5179

Advisory board member: Kenneth Toop, Casselton; home 347-4960; work 347-4045.

District 6 – Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells

Date: December 10 - 7 pm

Location: Litchville-Marion

Elementary School

Host: Litchville Wildlife Club

Contact: Dave Bruse, 762-4277

Advisory board member: Rita Greer, Marion; 669-2315.

District 7 – Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan and Sioux

Date: December 12 - 7:30 CT

Location: Civic Center, Center

Host: Oliver Co. Gun Club

Contact: Dave Fischer, 794-8757

Advisory Board member: Duane Schatz, Elgin; home 584-2937; work 584-2900.

District 8 – Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope and Stark

Date: December 5 - 7 pm MT

Location: Slope Electric Building, New England

Host: New England Gun Club

Contact: Dennis Stang, 579-4166

Advisory board member: Jerry D. Jeffers, Rhame; 279-5885.

Note: Game and Fish advisory board meetings are open to the public, and are designed to provide information to sportsmen and women, and to gather input on Game and Fish programs.

Spring Snow Goose Stats

The 2001 spring light goose season was not as successful in North Dakota as in past years, due in part to an unusual migration in which most birds overflowed the state at high altitudes. Hunters harvested an estimated 3,547 light geese, down from 35,832 in 2000.

	2001	2000	1999
Harvest	3,547	35,832	24,890
Total Hunters	1,263	5,169	6,277
Resident hunters	494	3,854	5,029
Nonresident hunters	769	1,315	1,248
Average seasonal bag	2.8	6.9	4.0
Highest seasonal bag	117	199	90
Unplugged shotgun use	64%	60%	56%
Electronic call use	43%	33%	18%

"The 2001 harvest estimate did not surprise us," said Mike Johnson, Game and Fish waterfowl biologist. "Late winter storms dumped considerably more snow in South Dakota than North Dakota, stalling migrating birds in South Dakota and Nebraska for an extended period of time. Based on these weather conditions and migration patterns, we expected the harvest to be down from 2000 and 1999."

A fourth Conservation Order season is scheduled for 2002. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that future seasons may proceed as they continue to process an Environmental Impact Statement on the light goose population issue.

Deer Gun Season Questions, Answers

The 2001 deer gun season opens at noon November 9.

The Game and Fish Department issued a record number of licenses, 106,350, for this fall's season, an increase of 18,000 from last year. Game and Fish issued 5,150 mule deer licenses, an increase of 1,500 from 2000. Muzzle-loader permits increased from 1,694 to 2,024. The regular deer gun season runs through November 25.

Changes from last year include an expanded muzzle-loader season of 16 and one-half days, and a refuge permit is not required to hunt deer on Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge.

Questions and Answers

Every year the Game and Fish Department receives many questions from hunters wanting to clarify the rules prior to or during hunting season. Some of the more common ones are listed below.

What licenses do I need for deer gun season? A fishing, hunting, and furbearer certificate, which is the paper to which all stamps are attached; the general game and habitat stamp or a sportsman's license, and the deer license. Gratis license holders, however, need only the gratis license itself.

Can I use my first season license during the muzzle-loader season? No. The first season license may be used only for the (first) regular deer season.

When can I use a second season license? These licenses may be used in any open season provided all details printed on the license (unit, sex, and species) are followed and you hunt with the appropriate weapon. For example, you may use a second license during the muzzle-loader season, but you must hunt with a muzzle-loader.

I can't find my deer license and tag.

What should I do? You can get a replacement license from the Department. First you will need to obtain a petition for a duplicate license from the Department (also available on web site at discovernd.com/gnf/app®page.html. County auditors also have copies of this form).

Fill out the form, have it notarized, and return it to the Department. If the transaction is through the mail, it will take a few days. You may not hunt without the license and tag in your possession. The quickest way to get a duplicate license is to stop at the Department's Bismarck office. You can get a replacement license while you wait.

My son was unsuccessful in filling his mule deer buck tag in the youth season. Can he hunt the regular gun season?

Yes. But he is restricted to the same unit as during the youth season.

What if I have an antlerless deer permit and I shoot a deer with two-inch spikes, but I could not see them when I shot? Game wardens have some leeway about what is an antlered deer. However, it is always a hunter's responsibility to fully identify your target before shooting.

Is camouflage blaze orange acceptable for the deer gun season? No. You must wear both a hat and outer garment above the waistline totaling at least 400 square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange.

What should I do if I find a wounded deer? Contact a game warden. Do not shoot the deer unless you want to tag it, or are instructed by the warden to do so.

I hunt with a bow. When do I have to wear orange? During the regular deer gun season you must wear orange. During the muzzle-loader season, however, bowhunters do not need to wear orange.

Can I hunt on a section line if it is posted on both sides? No. If the land is posted on both sides, the section line is closed to hunting but it is still open for travel.

Can I retrieve a wounded deer from posted land? If the deer was shot on land where you had a legal right to be, you may retrieve it. However, you may not take any weapons with you. The Department suggests contacting the landowner as a courtesy prior to entering.

What if the landowner says I cannot get the deer? Contact a game warden to sort it out.

Can I transport someone else's deer?

To transport someone else's deer you will need a permit from a game warden. The license holder, the person transporting the animal, and the carcass itself must be presented to the game warden before the permit is issued.

Can I drive off a trail to retrieve a deer on a state wildlife management area?

No. You may not drive off-trail on state wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, waterfowl production areas, or state school land. In addition, a new travel policy confines most motorized vehicles (except snowmobiles) to existing roads and trails on all U.S. Forest Service public land in North Dakota, including the Little Missouri, Sheyenne and Cedar River national grasslands.

May I carry a pistol when I am hunting with a deer rifle? Yes, but the handgun must meet minimum requirements listed in the deer hunting regulations to be legal for taking deer.

How do I carry a revolver in a vehicle when hunting? The cylinder of a revolver must be completely unloaded.

How do I carry a muzzle-loader in a vehicle when hunting? Remove the cap from a percussion gun or the powder from the flash pan of a flintlock.

Can I use a bow to fill my regular deer gun tag? Yes. You may use any legal weapon during the regular deer gun season.

Can I use a gun to fill my bow tag? No. Archery tags may be filled only with bow and arrow.

Can I carry both bow and gun afield during deer gun season if I have both licenses? Only if you are going to fill your gun tag. To fill your archery tag, you may not have a gun in your possession.

Are muzzle-loading handguns legal for deer hunting? Yes. They must be .50 caliber or larger.

Can I fill my second-deer tag with a bow during the archery season? Yes. Again, however, when afield hunting with a bow, you may not possess a gun. Also, you may hunt only in the unit for which the second license was issued and must comply with all the details listed on the tag.

Are the .22-250 and .243 legal for deer hunting? Yes. Center-fire rifles of .22 caliber or larger are legal.

My wife and I each have a gratis license for different pieces of land. Her land is located in a different unit across the highway from mine. Can we hunt each other's land? No. In order for you to hunt each other's land it must be located within the same hunting unit.

Vanguard By Weatherby Offers Safety Upgrade

Weatherby, Inc. of Atascadero, California, is performing a safety upgrade on Vanguard by Weatherby brand rifles manufactured between 1970-1993.

The affected rifles bear serial numbers from one of the following series on the receiver: 00001-03810; V00001-V80966; VX00001-VX44065; VS00001-VS23699; VL00001-VL46984; W0001-W0099; and NV0001-NV0099.

The safety upgrade will replace the bolt sleeve to prevent disassembly of the bolt. Disassembly could result in a hazardous condition in which the rifle can be accidentally discharged without the bolt being fully engaged, causing severe injury.

Persons owning a Vanguard by Weatherby rifle with a serial number from one of the series listed should call 1-800-227-2018 to receive a Bolt Return Kit, or access vanguard.weatherby.com/consumer_register.php.

NWRs Receive Honor

Upper Souris, J. Clark Salyer, and Lostwood national wildlife refuges have been named three of the 100 "Globally Important Bird Areas" by the national nonprofit organization American Bird Conservancy, in recognition of their significance in the ongoing effort to conserve wild birds and their habitats. In addition, J. Clark Salyer NWR has won international recognition for its importance to shorebirds. The refuge is designated as a regional site in the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

The refuges will be included in ABC's forthcoming book, *The Bird Conservation Handbook*, Globally Important Bird Areas of the U.S., which contains detailed site descriptions and species information for each of the 500 IBAs.

ABC's Global IBA program, funded in part by the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund, aims to identify and protect a network of key sites to further bird conservation.



NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOORS YOUR WEEKLY WINDOW ON THE WILD NEW PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE !

Bismarck	KFYR	Tuesday	10 pm
Bismarck	KXMB	Sunday	10 pm
Dickinson	KQCD	Tuesday	*9 pm
Dickinson	KXMA	Sunday	*9 pm
Fargo	KVLY	Thursday	8:55 am
Fargo	KVRR	Sunday	9 pm
Grand Forks	WDAZ	Wednesday	5 pm
Minot	KMOT	Tuesday	10 pm
Minot	KXMC	Monday	Noon
Williston	KUMV	Tuesday	10 pm
Williston	KXMD	Monday	Noon

*Mountain time